These are also to be integrated with ACD technology to pre-warn, when the cumulative seismic energy reaches a benchmark value.

Theft in Railway Yards

†692. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of thefts have increased while loading/ unloading the goods at the Railway yards during the last three years;

(b) if so, the value of the goods stolen, year-wise/zone-wise;

(c) the number of persons found responsible for these thefts; and

(d) what action has been taken against such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) 1344, 1274 and 1228 persons were arrested for theft and dealt under provisions of RP (UP) Act during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Decision of consumer court on failure of air conditioner

693. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the District Consumer Court has recently directed the railway authorities to refund the amount taken from a passenger along with a penalty for the failure of air conditioning services in a super fast express, from New Delhi to Jammu Tawi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the directive of the consumer court has been implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) In one case, District

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, NOIDA has passed orders on 19.6.2003 to pay the refund of fare with 8% interest along with compensation with cost to the complainant on account of air-conditioning failure in train No. 2426 Rajdhani Express ex. Jammu Tawi to New Delhi. An appeal has been filed before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Lucknow on 15.7.2003 agains the orders of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, NOIDA. Stay has been granted by the Court on 16.7.2003.

Facilities at Railway Stations in Orissa

694. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that passengers are facing problems due to non-availability of facilities at various Railway Stations in Orissa;

(b) the details of Railway Stations in Orissa where there is no proper arrangement of light and water during night; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve facilities at those stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Railways have been able to provide minimum essential amenities including drinking water in qualitative terms as per laid down norms, at all stations including those in the State of Orissa. The deficiencies, wherever existing, are in quantitative terms. For example, a station is counted as deficient in drinking water arrangement if 10 taps are available as against norms of 12 taps at a particular category of station though the arrangement for drinking water is available. Railways are endeavouring to eliminate such cases also.

Drinking water, supplied at all Railway Stations in Orissa, is potable. At all stations, water is supplied from either Railways' own sources or from outside sources like municipality, private water tankers or even water special trains etc. after chlorination to ensure that drinking water is safe. Also, requirement *vis-a-vis* availability of water at various stations